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The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet  
 United States District Court for the District of Delaware  
 J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building  
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Re: *Applera Corporation, et al. v. Thermo Electron Corp.;*  
*Thermo Finningan LLC v. Applera Corporation,*  
*C.A. Nos. 04-1230, 04-1505 and 05-110*

Dear Judge Sleet:

Enclosed please find for the Court's consideration a stipulation by which the parties have agreed to an extension of the deadline to file a proposed protective order in the above-captioned cases from June 6, 2005 to June 17. All parties are working diligently to negotiate an appropriate protective order and are in need of additional time to complete such work. In the meantime, the parties will move forward with discovery.

As always, if the Court has any questions, counsel for all parties are available at the Court's convenience.

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